

CABINET TALK AT TAFT'S HOME

IMPORTANT STATE MATTERS TAKEN UP IN CONFERENCE.

Messrs. MacVeagh, Wickham and Meyer discuss tariff and Corporation Law Affairs with the President-Minister Crane Gets Points on China.

BEVERLY, Mass., Aug. 21.—There was a Cabinet discussion this afternoon at the Taft cottage that began at 3 o'clock and lasted until the lamps had to be lighted on the automobiles which were to carry the Ministers away. The President's advisers were with him for four hours and a half.

Secretary MacVeagh, Attorney-General Wickham and Secretary Meyer made up the council, and in the time that they were there threshed out the important questions on which Mr. MacVeagh and Mr. Wickham are spending their time during the recess of Congress. Secretary Meyer was called down from his home at Dublin, N. H., as an adviser primarily, to give his opinions unprejudiced by the careful study that the other two Cabinet Ministers are making of their problems and as one familiar with the general principles of the Taft Administration.

Even in the long time that to-day's conference lasted it was not possible to reach such an understanding on all matters as the President desires. For that reason the three will return again to-morrow afternoon.

Before Mr. Wickham arrived to complete the trio of Cabinet men whom the President had called to his home Mr. Taft had an interview with Charles R. Crane, the new Minister to China, in which the President outlined this Government's attitude toward China.

The foreign tariff board, which is the name which the commission of maximum and minimum tariff experts will probably have, was the subject on which Mr. MacVeagh reported to his chief. The Secretary of the Treasury asked for more time in his selection of the board. He brought with him a list of about forty names comprising those whom he considered fitted for this task and available to undertake it. The personnel of the board was discussed for a great share of the afternoon. Whether it will be composed of three members or, as has been considered most feasible, of five was not fixed definitely. Mr. Taft believes that he will make these appointments and fix their salaries before he leaves Beverly.

Attorney-General Wickham brought with him a tentative draft of the recommendations which he will submit for discussion at the conference about corporation law changes in New York on August 30. He came to Beverly with the intention of obtaining the President's ideas on the legislative reforms which it will be the function of this meeting to submit to Mr. Taft for incorporation in his message to Congress next fall.

There are some subjects with which this commission will have to deal which Mr. Taft thinks will be comparatively easy to formulate in recommendations to Congress. For example he believes that the reorganization of the Interstate Commerce Commission will not be hard to outline. He anticipates little trouble in framing suggestions for the control of overcapitalization of corporations and the overissue of stocks and bonds.

It will be more difficult, Mr. Taft is convinced, to draw up the proposed amendments to the anti-trust law. These will be some of the subjects on which the President will speak to his audience on his Western trip. Before he leaves Beverly Mr. Taft expects to spend a good deal of time in hunting subjects for these speeches. The President feels that he will not be expected in all cities to act as one of the committeemen from Boston recently suggested. This man remarked casually:

"Mr. President, you can be perfectly common plain."

In the speech which Mr. Taft will make before the Boston Chamber of Commerce on September 14 he is going to explain the occasion for his Western trip.

The President told Mr. Crane to-day that he believed in an open door policy toward China. He believes that the United States should assist China in its development and should not aid in its country in becoming a nation independent of other governments. Further Mr. Taft told the new Minister that the United States ought to combat the idea that the retarding of China would be of material benefit to this country. He emphasized the opinion that it was not to our interest to place any hindrance in China's way toward its development.

Mr. Taft does not believe in the old idea that it is to a country's advantage to deal with another nation in which it is possible to buy up its products at a small price in order to sell them in some other country where a higher purchase price can be obtained. Broadly, he told Mr. Crane that he believed a country most developed was the country most to be sought in trade. Mr. Crane expects to sail from this country on October 6, but it was agreed that he should see the President before he leaves. He is staying with his brother, S. R. Crane.

Mr. Crane told President Taft that when he was discussing with his father the acceptance of the mission to China he said that the chief reason that he wanted to accept it was that he heartily concurred with the ideas which he knew Mr. Taft held toward China. The President was pleased with his assurance.

Ambassador Reid is expected at the home of W. J. Boardman at Manchester next week. The President has reached no definite conclusion in the matter of selecting a successor to Mr. Reid. At to-day's golf match Mr. Taft had 3 up and 2 to play against Col. Fred S. C. Croby at Myopia in this State. Ettore Ximenes, an Italian sculptor from New York, called on the President to-day to show him a twelve inch model of a statue which he had made of Mr. Taft.

THIEVES IN DILWORTH HOUSE

Were Awaiting Arrival of Mrs. Dilworth From a Ball—Scream Scared Them.

NEWPORT, R. I., Aug. 21.—A quick spring and a scream is thought to have saved Mrs. Joseph R. Dilworth of New York from being robbed of a diamond necklace and other jewelry which she wore when she returned to her summer home here early this morning from the ball that was given in the Newport Casino in honor of the players in the National Tennis Tournament.

Two men sprang at her as she stepped inside of the front door of the cottage, but she was too quick for them and her scream served to frighten away the men, who made their escape through a back window in the house. Mr. Dilworth, who is in ill health, did not attend the ball, but Mrs. Dilworth, with her son, D. W. Dilworth, and his guest, John Rutherford of New York, attended.

Mr. Rutherford left the ball shortly after midnight and returned to the Sorcha cottage, which the Dilworths are occupying this season. According to the arrangements, he left the latchkey under the door mat for Mrs. Dilworth and her son when they returned. Mrs. Dilworth, tired of dancing, went home alone in her automobile, leaving her son, who wished to stay.

Mrs. Dilworth took the key from the mat, but she could not turn the lock. She then sent her chauffeur around the house to awaken the butler and also rang the front door bell. The front door opened and Mrs. Dilworth stepped in, only to meet two strangers. She screamed and rushed to her automobile. The chauffeur had returned and she told him to drive to Bellevue avenue, where two policemen were secured. They made a thorough search, but could not find the men.

Mrs. Dilworth said to-day that the men wore slouch hats pulled well down over their faces and may have entered the house after seeing Mr. Rutherford go in. They did not touch any of the valuables in the house.

THREE KILLED IN AUTO RACE

INDIANAPOLIS COURSE ADDS TO ITS DEATH ROLL.

Mechanician of Merz's Car Crushed and Two Spectators Injured Fatally When a Tire Bursts—A Second Accident Follows—The Race Is Called Off.

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 21.—At the motor speedway in the closing race this afternoon three men were killed, three badly injured and several bruised either in being struck by the wrecked autos or in the rush to escape, which amounted almost to a panic.

The dead are Benjamin Logan of this city, John Joliffe of Trafalgar, spectators, and Claud Kellum of Kokomo, a mechanic of the wrecked car. The badly injured are Henry Tompkins and Henry Lepping of this city. Bruce Keene, driver of a Marmon car, was badly cut and bruised about the head in a second accident.

Fully 5,000 persons were lined up at the fence which surrounded the speedway and during the afternoon the police had trouble in keeping them from crowding upon the track. Others persisted in sitting on the fence, and despite police warnings trespassed upon the track from time to time.

It was while thousands of persons were pushing and surging for places at the fence and while the 300 mile race was in progress that the National car, with Merz as driver and Kellum as mechanic, came down the track with a terrific burst of speed, dashed into the fence and the spectators at the south side of the speedway. The tire on the right front wheel had burst.

The machine turned turtle. Kellum was pinched against the fence with terrible force and Merz was caught under the machine. In a twinkling he reached up and turned off the throttling engine and then called to those who had gathered around to look after Kellum, seemingly having no thought of himself.

The machine had run into the crowd but by some lucky chance the people scattered just as it struck the fence and thus many escaped serious injury. Kellum and the others were rushed off to the emergency hospital. Kellum was unconscious from a terrible wound in the head where it came into contact with the fence and his body was a mass of bruises. From the first examination it was clear that he was injured mortally, and he died an hour later.

Logan was picked up unconscious. The wrecked machine had struck him and wedged him in against the fence and he was bruised in many places and there were slight cuts on his head and shoulders and he died in a few moments. Joliffe was bruised "over and was dead when taken from under the end of the machine.

In the crowd at the fence were many women and children, and when the machine turned over and threw Kellum against the fence there was a mad rush to get out of the way. Men and women and children fell over one another, some of them being trampled in the stampede. This lasted only a moment and the injuries thus received were of a minor character.

Merz, who was not injured beyond a few scratches, was perfectly self-possessed as he lay under the machine and seemed to have his thoughts centered upon his father and his mechanic. He asked that someone go at once and tell his father that he was not dead, but the messenger met the elder Merz just as he was going away to deliver the message and the affecting between the father and son was affecting, the driver being lifted from under the machine just as his father arrived.

Merz gave an account of the accident himself. He said he was driving close to the outside of the track on account of the better condition at that place when the tire burst. At the same moment he struck the bridge that spans a small stream and the car leaped high in the air, left the course and turned over among the spectators that were lined up at the fence. He said he knew that he was not badly injured, but he feared for Kellum, whose body he saw flying toward the fence, which it struck with terrible force. Kellum was a substitute mechanic, having taken the place of Lynn, who had fallen from exhaustion early in the race.

The second accident, that resulted in the wrecking of the Marmon car driven by Bruce Keene, caused the American Automobile Association to cut short the programme and meeting. The Marmon car ran into the side of the overhead bridge opposite the bleachers. The car was put out of commission but was not badly wrecked. Keene was cut about the head but was thought to not be hurt mortally. His mechanic was bruised painfully.

The calling off of the race was directly due to the fact that drivers and mechanics were not in physical condition to continue it. Many of them were exhausted from the long strain, and the officials recognized the fact that the longer they went the greater would be the chance for accidents and the greater the blame that would be placed upon them.

At different times during the day drivers had dropped out, and in some cases it was known that the trouble was with them or their mechanics rather than with their machines. After the race had been called off some of the contestants said they would have liked to see a finish but admitted that dangers were thickening at every moment of its continuance. The thousands of spectators hurriedly left the speedway after the race was called off. No winner was declared in the big race, and none can be in any unfinished contest under the rules.

HARRIMAN HASN'T CANCER.

Alexander Miller Says the Chief Trouble Is Rheumatism.

A despatch from Omaha yesterday said that the Omaha World-Herald had announced on what it believed to be authentic information that E. H. Harriman was suffering from cancer of the stomach.

Alexander Miller, secretary of the Union Pacific and the Southern Pacific, who left Mr. Harriman in Europe about ten days ago, said at his home in Plainfield last night that Mr. Harriman did not have cancer of the stomach.

"Of course," said Mr. Miller, "I am not a physician and cannot give an expert opinion on Mr. Harriman's health, but I was with him from June 1 to August 13 and I can say that when I left Mr. Harriman in England to go to his old home in Scotland I never saw him looking better, and he told me that he was feeling well."

"Mr. Harriman ate and lived just the same as the other members of the party while abroad. I don't believe that he has cancer of the stomach. His chief trouble seemed to be of a rheumatic nature, and I am sure that the baths and other treatment taken abroad were greatly beneficial to him."

"You know that last winter he had ptomaine poisoning and he felt the effects of it for several months. It is possible that this may have aggravated the rheumatic trouble, but so far as suffering from a cancerous growth, I cannot believe such to be the case. While Mr. Harriman and myself were abroad together he consulted several eminent authorities."

MARION BLEAKELEY STOLEN

THE WORLD'S FAIR INCUBATOR BABY KIDNAPED.

Child, Now Five Years Old, Taken From Her Mother's Home in Topeka, Kan.—Baby First Attracted Attention at St. Louis Fair—Lawuits Over Her.

TOPEKA, Kan., Aug. 21.—Marion Bleakeley, the famous St. Louis World's Fair incubator baby, now 5 years old, who was the cause of litigation extending over several years between Mrs. Charlotte Bleakeley, her real mother, and Mrs. James G. Barclay of Moline, Ill., who had adopted the child, in which the real mother won legal possession of the little girl in State and Federal courts, was abducted at 10 o'clock this morning from 1927 Garfield avenue in this city, the home of her real mother.

Mrs. Bleakeley was at work down town as a stenographer. The child had been left in charge of Clarence Belknap of Jackson, Tenn., a young cousin of Mrs. Bleakeley, visiting at her home.

A woman appeared in the neighborhood this morning ostensibly selling soap. She visited Mrs. Bleakeley's house. Half an hour later a buggy in which were two men and the same woman appeared in front of the house.

One of the men got out and entered the house where the child was playing. As he ran toward her young Belknap interfered and the kidnapper shot at him but missed. The man then knocked the boy down with his revolver and carried the child to the buggy and drove off.

After he had been struck down Belknap followed the buggy and caught on the rear of the vehicle, but was beaten off. Belknap said the man with whom he fought for possession of the child was large and had a black mustache. The second man was smaller and wore a gray mustache. He could give no description of the woman.

The kidnappers drove west of Tenth avenue, headed for some small station west of Topeka. The buggy in which the kidnappers escaped was found at 1 o'clock to-day two miles from where the child was stolen. It had been hired from a local livery. Warrants were sworn out for John Doe, Richard Roe and Jane Doe and placed in the hands of the Sheriff for pursuit.

Mrs. Bleakeley, mother of the child, said this afternoon:

"There have been detectives and alleged friends hanging around the house all of the time and I have feared that such a thing would happen. Six weeks ago I got wind of almost the same thing as happened to-day, but was able to stop it and break up the plans."

"At times I have thought that some of the most prominent people in Topeka were in league with them to take Marion from the State. I have an idea who they are and I have confidence in the officers' ability to catch them."

Marion Bleakeley, the kidnapped child, was born in a hospital at St. Louis and was placed in one of the incubators shown at the St. Louis world's fair.

While there she was formally adopted by Mrs. James G. Barclay of Moline, Ill. Mrs. Bleakeley signed a release, but she afterward sued to recover the child, and was successful.

ALPINE DEATH ROLL.

Six Tragedies Reported Yesterday. Making 23 for August and 86 for the Summer.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.

LONDON, Aug. 21.—The Alpine season is now in full swing and is bringing the usual toll of death and disaster. Six cases of death or disappearance were reported to-day.

There have been sixteen other deaths since the beginning of the month, while fourteen were reported in July.

MILAN, Aug. 21.—A Milanese chemist named Adami was overwhelmed by an avalanche while ascending Mont Spluga and killed.

16,000 CHESTNUT TREES KILLED.

Savages in This City of a Disease Said to Be of Japanese Origin.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—The Department of Agriculture has issued a report on the chestnut bark disease which has affected trees in New York city. The report is the result of studies by scientists who express the belief that the disease was brought to America from Japan, although this has not been shown positively. According to the report in Forest Park, Brooklyn, alone, more than 16,000 trees have been killed since the disease made its appearance about five years ago. One competent authority estimates the damage from this disease in and around New York to be more than \$5,000,000.

The Department recommends as a preventive the careful inspection of nursery stock and advises that all affected trees be cut down and utilized, care being taken to burn the brush and all portions of the trees not utilized.

LITTLE ITALY'S FIND OF GEMS

\$50,000 WORTH MISTAKEN FOR PIECES OF GLASS.

Diamond Tiara Looked Well on a Baby's Head—Precious Stones Pried Out of Their Settings to Be Reset in Brass Rings—All the Lot Are Recovered.

A poorly dressed Italian woman went into G. D. Davidson's jewelry store at 183 Newark avenue last Thursday and took from a soiled handkerchief a sparkling stone, which she pushed over the counter with the smiling request, "Tella me how much, please." The clerk fingered the gem for a moment and then consulted Mr. Davidson, who decided that the stone was a diamond and worth at the very least \$1,500. When this was announced to the woman she laughed as one might who is being made fun of and left the store without further remark.

The clerk, who was surprised at seeing a diamond of such value in the hands of a working woman, probably would have been quite overcome had he guessed that the stone was but one of many more which had been knocking about the Jersey City-Italian quarter for several weeks and that a reward of \$5,000 had been offered for the return of the lot, which the police value at more than \$50,000.

But the clerk thought no more about the matter, and the gems might have gone on decorating the gnarled fingers of the women of the quarter and used as playthings by small Italian babies had not Chief James F. Larkins of the Jersey City detective bureau heard of the woman and the diamond. He thought at once of a "confidential alarm" he had received some weeks before from Dreier & Co., jewelers at 500 Fifth avenue, New York, telling of the loss of a package of valuable stones. The information from Dreier & Co. appeared last Friday, the day after the Italian woman asked the value of the diamond, in the papers in the form of an advertisement offering \$5,000 reward and no questions asked for the return of a package containing one large diamond bowknot brooch, one diamond tiara, one diamond paved watch and one large emerald. The advertisement said that the package when last seen was in the care of a person on the Erie Railroad ferryboat Passaic when the boat left Jersey City on its 10:40 A. M. trip on June 23.

Chief Larkins got quietly at work with Detective Dan Lee and Walley Maxwell. The detectives searched the Italian quarter for a diamond mine and it wasn't long before they learned that the woman who had asked the value of the diamond was Mrs. Antonio Loori of 121 Third street, the wife of a day laborer at Port Morris. Mrs. Loori gave up the diamond willingly enough. She didn't believe it was worth anything, notwithstanding the value placed on it by the jeweler. She told the detectives that she had pried the stone out of a big cluster which Paolo Campanella of 305 Third street, also a day laborer at Port Morris, had shown her.

Meanwhile stories of "big white stones" and "actors' jewelry" were coming from all sides, and while the detectives kept hunting up stones Chief Larkins, sure that he had located the diamonds advertised for by Dreier & Co., took the stone turned over to him by Mrs. Loori and hurried to New York to consult the Dreiers. He was unable to find any of the firm, nor could he learn who was the owner of the gems. He hastened back to Jersey City and took up the trail of the stones.

Paolo Campanella was found at his boarding place when he returned from work. He told frankly of finding the diamonds, and he too appeared entirely ignorant of their value. He had found a package on the ferryboat and, coming home, had opened it before Stephen Bardoz, with whom he boarded. The tiara, set with over a hundred diamonds, had taken his eye with its shifting play of lights, and the family after fingering the thing had applauded his suggestion that it be placed on the head of Bardoz's youngest child. The tiara remained for some time a plaything for the baby, while the bowknot brooch with its great emerald set in flashing white stones became a pretty thing to show the neighbors. The only thing that appeared of value to Campanella was the diamond paved watch, but alas! it lacked the thick brass chain beloved of Campanella's kind, and he did not wear it.

It seems strange that none of the Italians even guessed at the fortune which they had in their hands. They did admire the beauty of the gems and several were pried from their settings to be placed in cheap rings from which stones had been lost. Mrs. Loori got one of the stones and it was while she was thinking of having it put in a ring that it occurred to her to ask its value.

When the Italians found that the detectives were so keen about locating the stones they began at once to suspect their real value and surrendered their share of Campanella's hoard with some reluctance. Police methods are persuasive, however, and by nightfall all the pieces mentioned in Dreier & Co.'s advertisement had been recovered, as well as the stones that had been pried out of the settings. The tiara and brooch were found in the possession of an Italian called Tacasilo at 35 Third street. Campanella, it seems, had given the gems to Tacasilo as a slight token of friendship.

When the last diamond had been accounted for Chief Larkins told the Italians to come to Police Headquarters to-day to learn of the disposition of the jewelry and if there was to be a reward.

The diamonds were then taken to the Jersey City police headquarters, where Chief Larkins and his brother, Michael, of 4 East Seventy-eighth street, and William D. N. Perine of 317 West Seventy-seventh street. They are all out of town.

The 10:40 Erie boat from Jersey City on the Jersey side with a fast train from Tuxedo. It is possible that the jewelry was lost by some member of the Tuxedo colony.

MISS VAN STUDDIFORD SUES.

Asks for Divorce for Desertion—Husband Now Travelling Salesman.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 21.—Grace Van Studdiford, comic opera star, filed suit to-day for divorce from Charles Van Studdiford, a member of an old St. Louis family. Desertion is alleged in the petition.

Miss Van Studdiford, the prima donna, at her home, Atlanta, on the Creve Coeur road, said to-day:

"Everything we have now is the result of my own labors, and Charles is not going to ask anything at my hands. There is nothing sensational about this case and there will be no sensation. Charles is a good fellow. He is not going to contest the suit."

Miss Van Studdiford's petition is brief, simply saying they were married in Chicago, April 27, 1897, and separated in May, last year. Her only allegation is that he deserted her and has absented himself from her for more than a year.

Her husband, who is a member of an old and wealthy St. Louis family, having lost his fortune, has been a travelling salesman for a coffee house more than a year. He returned to St. Louis last night, went direct to the Buckingham Club, spent the night there and left here at noon to-day for a business tour of northern Illinois. He fell in love with her when she sang a leading part in a Bostonian production in a theatre here, followed her throughout the country and was lavish with his gifts to her. At the end of the season they were married, bought a beautiful home here and entertained much. His patrimony dwindled and they moved into a flat.

Five years ago Miss Van Studdiford returned to the stage. Two years later she again retired, built a home near Clayton, St. Louis county, and christened it Atlanta. Her husband filed a bankruptcy petition and went on the road.

FLYING IN THE SKY.

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MEETING OF GENERAL COMMITTEE POSTPONED PRESUMABLY FOR THAT PURPOSE.

The meeting of the general committee of Tammany Hall was summoned for next Tuesday night has been postponed until Thursday night.

BAKU BANKRUPT.

Queer Fate of Rich Russian Oil Town—Companies Stop Taxes; Teachers Beg.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 21.—Baku, the rich oil magnates' capital, is municipally bankrupt.

For three years the oil companies, a majority of which are Swedish, English and Belgian, have been pressing the Russian Government to compensate them for the destruction of their property, amounting to \$15,000,000, during the chaotic revolutionary uprisings. Their charters entitled them to be protected, but the Government now pleads force majeure.

The companies, who own all the property in Baku, have therefore stopped paying local taxation. The schools are closed and the teachers are begging charity. The city employees are unpaid and have gone to look for work as harvest hands.

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MONUMENT TO TILTON.

Gilbert A. Tracy of Norwich, Conn., to Preserve the Journalist's Farm.

HARTFORD, Conn., Aug. 21.—Actuated by a desire to preserve the memory of Theodore Tilton, who died in Paris in 1907, Gilbert A. Tracy, a wealthy citizen of Norwich, to-day announced that he had completed plans for the erection of a monument in honor of Mr. Tilton, for whom he had a great and undying admiration. The monument will be placed in Westfield cemetery and will be of Westerly granite with the following inscription:

IN MEMORIAM  
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DEWEY'S PINE GRAPE JUICE.

Purifies the blood and is very nourishing.

Dr. J. Dewey & Sons Co., 135 Fulton St., New York.

DETECTED PRISON FRAUDS.

Ex-Bank Teller, Serving Ten Years, Finds \$82,000 Deficit in Pittsburgh.

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 21.—Henry Reiber, former teller of the Farmers National Bank, who on conviction last fall of aiding in the embezzlement of \$1,200,000 from the bank, was sent to Western penitentiary to serve a ten years term, did the State a good turn this week as bookkeeper of the prison, when he found a deficit of \$82,000 in the prison funds that the prison board knew nothing of.

W. McC. Johnston, a former warden at the prison, is supposed to be somewhere in Ohio visiting relatives. Prison board members are trying to get in touch with him to summon him back to explain what he knows of the facts, but they cannot learn his whereabouts.

Charges were brought against Johnston involving mismanagement of the prison twice last year, but both times they were dismissed after feeble investigations. Johnston's resignation was finally forced. His successor, John Francis, set Reiber and John Young, the two men who were convicted of the Farmers Bank embezzlement, to work on the prison books. Reiber had been teller at the bank and Young auditor. This week Francis called the Reiber's report on the audit.

According to this report the penitentiary is penniless so far as ready money goes. Reiber found a single item of nearly \$80,000 under the head of brooms and broom materials. There are enough "broom materials" on hand in the broom shop to last ten years. A good money has been received for rugs woven at the penitentiary in two years that the institution has been paying for the yard and other materials according to the books. Little grafts were discovered on the part of subordinates that had been going on for years.

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WATER KNEW MEDICINE.

Newark Man Who Had a Bad Tumble on Fall River Line Finds Help Handy.

Just before the Commonwealth of the Fall River Line made dock yesterday morning a man, later identified as Edward Prout, 49 years old, of 69 Bennett street, Newark, slipped down a flight of stairs and fractured his skull.

R. C. Stewart, a negro waiter, who is also a student of medicine, took care of him until the boat docked. He was taken to Hudson street hospital. He had \$24 in gold, a small roll of greenbacks and a ticket showing that he arrived in New York on a White Star liner on August 11. From the ticket his identity was learned. His condition is critical.

WOMEN FISHERS DROWNED.

Ogdensburg, N. Y. Aug. 21.—Mrs. Harry Stephens and her sister, Miss Jessie Jones of Syracuse, who were visiting at the home of James O'Neil, went out in a boat to fish yesterday afternoon and that was the last seen of them alive.

KNOCKED OUT AGED TURKEY.

But His Cries Brought Help and Plot of Ten to Break Jail Failed.

OGDENSBURG, N. Y., Aug. 21.—Overpowering the turkey, Scott, and beating him almost into insensibility with the keys which they had taken from him, ten prisoners confined in Sweetburg jail attempted to escape last night. Their attack was favored by the absence of the regular jailer, Miles Millmore, who is visiting his brother in St. Johnsbury, Vt., leaving the jail in charge of Scott, aged 70.

The ten prisoners were in the corridor adjoining their cells when the old man entered at 8 o'clock to put them in cells for the night. He had locked the corridor door behind him when they pounced upon him. His cries were heard by his wife and daughter, who sounded an alarm. The neighbors and Policeman Boesvert rushed to the jail. Boesvert forced the prisoners to surrender and put them back in their cells. The organizer of the attempt was Thomas Staggs, serving a short term for vagrancy. Scott will get well.

Two Women Fishers Drowned.

OGDENSBURG, N. Y. Aug. 21.—Mrs. Harry Stephens and her sister, Miss Jessie Jones of Syracuse, who were visiting at the home of James O'Neil, went out in a boat to fish yesterday afternoon and that was the last seen of them alive. Later the same boat was found with a dead boy named Cross went on the boat, also to fish. His line caught, and when he looked into the water to find the cause of the trouble he saw the bodies of the women on the bottom of the stream. They were recovered and will be sent to Syracuse.

REGISTRATION DAYS FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN.

The Board of Education announced yesterday that the days for registering children for the coming school term are Wednesday, September 8, Thursday, September 9 and Friday, September 10.

Children must present certificates showing that they have been vaccinated. Children who are not registered early will avoid part time classes.

The firm of Dreier & Co. has as members Jacob Dreier and his brother, Michael, of 4 East Seventy-eighth street, and William D. N. Perine of 317 West Seventy-seventh street. They are all out of town.

The 10:40 Erie boat from Jersey City on the Jersey side with a fast train from Tuxedo. It is possible that the jewelry was lost by some member of the Tuxedo colony.